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SUBJECT: W/W CASE REVIEW OF WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS

REF: HERMOSILLO 52

1. AUTOPSY FINDING THAT WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS DIED OF ACUTE BRONCHIAL PNEUMONIA IS REPORTED JANUARY 30 IN HERMOSILLO LEADING DAILY "EL IMPARCIAL". TEXT OF PRESS REPORT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

WILLIAMS H. WILLIAMS DIED FROM BRONCHIAL PNEUMONIA AND NOT FROM BLOWS.

NOGALES--ACUTE BRONCHIAL PNEUMONIA WAS THE DIRECT CAUSE OF DEATH OF AMERICAN PRISONER WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS WHICH OCCURRED ON THE 23RD WITHIN THE LOCAL REHABILITATION CENTER, IT WAS REVEALED YESTERDAY AS RESULT OF THE AUTOPSY CARRIED OUT BY PATHOLOGISTS OF SONORA AND ARIZONA

ACCORDING TO INFORMATION OBTAINED BY EL IMPARCIAL AT THE OFFICE OF THE LOCAL PROSECUTOR, WILLIAM'S LUNGS HAD BEEN DESTROYED AFTER SPENDING THE NIGHT OF HIS ESCAPE FROM THE PRISON OUT-OF-DOORS, HIS HEALTH CONDITION BEING AGGRAVATED BY THE FRACTURE OF A LEG WHICH OCCURRED WHEN HE JUMPED THE WALL OF THE PENITENTIARY, AND WHICH PREVENTED HIM FROM CONTINUING HIS ESCAPED.

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GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF WILLIAMS, IT WAS SPECULATED THAT HE HAD BEEN MURDERED BY BLOWS FOR HAVING ESCAPED, WHICH GAVE RISE TO AN IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATION ON THE PART OF A SPECIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY NAMED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND THE INTERVENTION OF THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE.

WILLIAMS, AGED 27, WAS FROM TUCSON, ARIZONA AND HAD BEEN SENTENCED BY THE JUDGE OF THE SECOND DISTRICT COURT TO SIX YEARS IN PRISON FOR A NARCOTICS OFFENSE.  
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2. TUCSON, AZ PATHOLOGIST DR. LOUIS HIRSCH, WHO WAS CONSULTED LATE JANUARY 30 RE ABOVE REPORT, STATED BRONCHIAL PNEUMONIA WAS PRESENT AND DEATH MAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO IT, BUT AS CERTAIN NECESSARY PATHOLOGY TESTS STILL INCOMPLETE HE IS WITHHOLDING HIS CONCLUSIONS FOR A FEW MORE DAYS. HIRSCH STATED HE WAS NOT CONSULTED AND WOULD NOT HAVE AUTHORIZED EL IMPARCIAL STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO HIM AT THAT STAGE OF HIS PATHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS.  
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